

Minutes
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

March 6, 2009

1:15-2:30 pm

Advisory council members present: Lt. Governor John Bohlinger; Jason Miller, Bob Worthington, Co-Chairs; Jerry Keck, Don Judge, Dan Lee, Riley Johnson, Bill Dahlgren, Annette Hoffman

Doug Buman gave his proxy to Dan Lee. Annette Hoffman gave her proxy to Bob Worthington.

Core team members present: Diana Ferriter, George Kochman, Keith Messmer, Mark Cadwallader, Anne Wolfinger

Others present: Nancy Butler, Carl Kochman, Montana State Fund; Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce; Daniel Markels, NFIB

- I. Status of LMAC Bill, HB 283
HB 283 is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs committee on Wednesday, March 11. Jason, Bob, Riley, Don indicated they would attend, as well as Jerry and Nancy Butler.
- II. Status of WorkSafeMT funding in Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) budget bill
Jerry noted the DLI was up for action later today in the House Appropriations committee. No LMAC members reported receiving any pushback from committee members they had spoken with regarding the bill since it was one-time-only funding and not from the general fund.
- III. Status of Department Workers' Compensation Bills
HB 119—Sen. Barkus is carrying the bill. It was in heard in committee yesterday and questions centered on the section regarding religious organizations. The LMAC directed Jerry to suggest new language for that section (D).
HB 138—passed out of committee unanimously and has since passed third reading.
- V. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills
HB 598—Jason moved and Bob seconded that the LMAC oppose this bill. Motion passed.
The LMAC reviewed the rest of the bills.
- VI. Public Comment
Marvin Jordan addressed the LMAC.
- VII. Next Steps
Next teleconference: Friday, March 13th, 1:15p